

1 ***Council Meeting***  
2 ***Minutes***  
3 ***December 18, 2006***  
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5 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*  
6 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:50 pm*  
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8 Mayor Cherchi called the meeting to order.  
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10 Mayor Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Councilman President Puzzo led in the  
11 Pledge of Allegiance.  
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13 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Cherchi, Councilpersons Hawkins, Heveran, Mitrani*  
14 *Rauci, and Puzzo*  
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16 ***Council Absent:*** *Councilman Ryan*  
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18 ***Also Present:*** *Council Elect Raspa-Gore, and Choi, Fran Lehmann, Borough*  
19 *Clerk, Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney,*  
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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**  
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23 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin  
24 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.  
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26 Mayor Cherchi pointed out the Fire Exit.  
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28 **APPOINTMENT**

29 Mayor Cherchi appointed Mr. Robert Baron the unexpired term of Dr. Paul Poretsky  
30 on the Planning Board.  
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32 **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**  
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34 Finance, Administration and Personnel – Interviews are ongoing for Borough  
35 Administrator. The Capital Budget Committee has met. Councilwoman Heveran hopes  
36 that an Administrator will be appointed by the first of the year. The budget sheets are  
37 completed and meetings will commence with Department Heads.  
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39 Laws and Ordinances - Council President Puzzo - nothing at this time  
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41 Police – Nothing at this time.  
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43 Fire – Councilwoman Heveran – the new Rescue truck will be in by the end of January.  
44 The Communications equipment - the new equipment should be up and running shortly.  
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46 Ambulance – Councilman Raucchi –nothing to report at this time

Public Works – Councilman Raucci reported that the 2006 Road Program has been completed. Both Councilman Raucci and Councilman Hawkins commended the DPW and Birdsell Engineering. Councilman Raucci updated the Governing Body regarding the Fort Lee Road intersection. The Governing Body discussed the lanes and the left turn lights.

Real Estate and Insurance Committee – Councilman Hawkins reported on the meeting held by the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Administration –The Borough Clerk Reported work to begin at Borough Hall on January 3, 2007. Phone lines need to be moved and all interior work needs to be outsourced. Our current provider does not do interior work.

Mayor – Mayor Cherchi reported that the Senior Housing site plan was reviewed at the last meeting. Mayor Cherchi stated two residents complained about the fence at Meadow View.

Special Bodies –

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one spoke

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 06-283A – A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. Roll call vote; Councilperson Hawkins, Heveran, Mitrani, Raucci and Puzzo voted yes. Councilman Ryan was absent. Resolution approved.

## **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

Adoption of Ordinance 18-06 entitled:

### **STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE**

**Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by titled  
No one from the public spoke**

Councilman Hawkins explained the need for this Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilwoman Heveran to pass on final reading Ordinance 18-06.

Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Heveran, Mitrani, Raucci, and Puzzo voted yes. Ordinance 18-06 adopted.

93 **Adoption of Ordinance 19-06 entitled:**

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95 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 181-13 TITLED “STANDING**  
96 **MOTOR VEHICLES” AND REGULATING THE IDLING OF MOTOR**  
97 **VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA.**

98 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by titled**  
99 **No one from the public spoke**

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101 A motion was made by Councilperson Hawkins seconded by Councilperson Puzzo to  
102 adopt on final reading Ordinance 19-06.

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104 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Hawkins, Heveran, Mitrani, Raucci, Puzzo voted yes  
105 Ordinance 19-09 approved.

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107 **Adoption of Ordinance 20-06 entitled:**

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109 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 11-06 FIX OR REPORT SALARIES**  
110 **OR WAGE RANGE OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC**  
111 **SERVANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN**  
112 **AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

113 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by titled**  
114 **No one from the public spoke**

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116 A motion was made by Councilperson Heveran seconded by Councilperson Puzzo to  
117 adopt on final reading Ordinance 20-06.

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119 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Hawkins, Heveran, Mitrani, Raucci, Puzzo Ordinance 20-  
120 06 approved.

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122 Adoption of Ordinance 21-06 entitled:

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124 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 275.8B TITLED ‘PROHIBITED**  
125 **ACTS’**

126 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by titled**  
127 **No one from the public spoke**

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129 A motion was made by Councilperson Heveran seconded by Councilperson Raucci to  
130 adopt on final reading Ordinance 21-06.

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132 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Hawkins, Heveran, Mitrani, Raucci, Puzzo Ordinance 21-  
133 06 approved.

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135 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 136 a) Borough Administrator – Councilwoman Heveran reported that interviews for the  
137 position of Borough Administrator are continuing.

- b) Monetary Settlement for Roof (antenna) - Councilwoman Heveran inquired if the Borough Attorney had any updates on the settlement. Mr. Giblin explained that he is waiting for an answer from T-Mobile.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a)- Budget Status – Mayor Cherchi thanked Councilwoman Heveran for her report earlier on the status of the Budget. Mayor Cherchi reported on the Capital Budget Committee Meeting.
- b.) Early Dismissal Time for Christmas and New Year – Mayor Cherchi suggested to the Council that the Borough Hall close at 2PM on both days. Council President Puzzo suggested any future early closings for Holidays be discussed by the Chair of Personnel and Finance with the new Borough Administrator.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council discussed the request for easements by the BCUA. Councilman Hawkins explained the easement is near an existing easement. Councilman Hawkins explained that the Superintendent of Public Works explained that an arrangement was brokered by the Mayor with the contractor that the building would be moved, the work done and then put back. The only problem is there is nothing in writing to confirm this. Mayor Cherchi explained what was proposed. The Council discussed the issue further. Council President Puzzo asked the Borough Attorney to contact the BCUA and tell them Leonia wants to go with option B and is willing to start negotiations after the first of the year. Mr. Giblin asked for a subcommittee to meet, Councilman Hawkins and Council President Puzzo will be on the committee.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No one spoke.

### **CLOSED SESSION (RESOLUTION W)**

The following items were discussed in Closed Session; Building Department – Review of Reports Submitted for the year. What should be Personal & Confidential; Contaminated Sites

A motion to go into closed was made by Councilwoman Mitrani, there being no seconded there was no Closed Session Meeting.

Council President Puzzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. All in favor; none opposed.

As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

185    Respectfully submitted,  
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189    Fran Lehmann  
190    Borough Clerk